

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

On page 7, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 17 as follows:

More in particular, the flat or slightly shaped configuration of the cross member 17A according to the invention (fitted with shaped bumpers 26 as shown in Figure 2 in which the curves, shaped like the outer buffers, are very marked) permit minimization of the tangential thrust produced on the side members 22 during the impact.